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SASKATOON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

DEPARTURE TO THE LODGE VIA SASKATOON

Now that you have your trip date booked, it's time to book your return commercial flight from home to Saskatoon, SK (Airport code YXE). Please ensure you arrive in Saskatoon the day before you are scheduled to arrive at the lodge. Our charters from Saskatoon depart at 6:30 a.m. from the **Rise Air Hangar (previously Westwind)** at the airport.

You should arrive at the hangar **no later than 5:45 a.m.** The **departure will be at Hangar 3A. Upon return you will be dropped off at the main airport terminal for your convenience.** When you enter Hangar 3A, you will check in with the CSR at the desk - there will be a monitor displaying "Arctic Lodges" so you know exactly where to check in.

The address for the hangar is 3A Hangar Road, Saskatoon.



PARKING AT THE HANGAR (for those who will have a vehicle)

Rise Air offers free parking for those driving to Saskatoon. Each vehicle is required to have a display pass - this can be obtained when checking in at the CSR desk.

CHARTER TO LODGE

There is a **weight restriction of 30 lbs per guest for checked baggage and 13 lbs for carry-on on all charters. This allowance can be combined to 43lbs total if all luggage is checked.** Due to this restriction, we cannot accept coolers, large quantities of alcohol, etc.

On your final day you will arrive back in Saskatoon at approximately 11:10 a.m. We recommend to not book any flights home until **1:00 p.m. or later that day.**

VERY IMPORTANT – We cannot be responsible for missed or cancelled commercial flights, and cannot hold charters. Please ensure that you have purchased travel/cancellation insurance on your entire fishing package should there be any unforeseen delays. Please contact your local insurance provider for travel insurance options.

GUESTS ARRIVING BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

If you are a US citizen flying to Arctic Lodges, you will need to report to the nearest Airport of Entry (AOE), in most cases this will be in Winnipeg, MB or Regina, SK. From there, a common place to fuel enroute to the Lodge is Flin Flon, Manitoba or La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

For information on flying in Canada, you can read more from Transport Canada [here](#).

For any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

HOTELS IN SASKATOON

We have a rate agreement with three hotels less than 5 minutes from the airport. Please choose your hotel based on your personal preference. We recommend booking your hotel room early. Should there be a special event in the city, these hotels can sell out quickly.

The **Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Saskatoon Airport** is a new and modern hotel. One thing to consider is they do not have restaurants on site which can be an inconvenience for some. For dinner there are many options for dining only a 5 minute cab ride away. Please note there is also no breakfast service available before 6 a.m.

Here's what they include:

- Rate \$121/night CND + applicable taxes for standard rooms.
- Complimentary high-speed WI-FI access in all guest rooms and lobby.
- HHonors guests will have the option to earn both HHonors points & airline miles.
- Complimentary 24hr shuttle service or taxi to the airport (**Please schedule your shuttle time with the front desk to depart to the Rise Air hangar (Westwind) upon check in for 5:30 a.m.**).

Booking the Hampton Inn is simple! Individual reservations can be made by calling 1-306-933-1010. Inform them that you have a corporate rate with Arctic Lodges.

The **Sandman Hotel Saskatoon Airport** is slightly dated but does have 2 food and beverage restaurants on site which many of our guests appreciate.

Here's what they include:

- Rate \$101/night CDN + applicable taxes for a standard room with 2 queen beds.
- 24 hour Denny's and Shark Club Sports Bar/Grill onsite.
- Complimentary wireless internet access in all guest rooms and lobby.
- Complimentary access to their fitness centre, pool and hot tub.

- Complimentary 24hr shuttle service or taxi to the airport (**Please schedule your shuttle time with the front desk to depart to the Rise Air hangar (Westwind) upon check in for 5:30 a.m.).**

Booking the Sandman hotel is simple! Individual reservations can be made by calling 1-800-sandman (1-800-726-3626) or locally at 306-477-4844. Inform them that you have a corporate rate with Arctic Lodges.

The **Courtyard by Marriott** is a modern hotel that maximizes in productivity and comfort. It's good to note that they provide a Starbucks and bistro that is available for all breakfast and dinner needs, along with a fitness centre and saltwater pool.

Here's what they include:

- Rate \$119/night CDN + applicable taxes for a standard room with 2 queen beds. Preferred or Executive rooms/suites range from \$129-\$159 CDN.
- Local calls and faxing.
- 24 hour Business Center.
- Onsite saltwater pool and 24 hour fitness area.
- Complimentary parking with plug ins.
- Complimentary bass tier wired and high-speed wireless internet in all rooms.
- Onsite market 24 hours a day.
- "Bistro and Bar" open for breakfast and dinner.
- Complimentary 24hr shuttle service or taxi to the airport (**Please schedule your shuttle time with the front desk to depart to the Rise Air hangar (Westwind) upon check in for 5:30 a.m.).**

Booking the Courtyard Marriott is simple! Individual reservations can be made by calling they're toll free reservation line at 844-845-4993, or by calling locally at 306-986-4993. Inform them that you have a corporate rate with Arctic Lodges.

RESTAURANTS IN SASKATOON

There are multiple restaurants around Saskatoon that you can easily access with a short cab ride from your hotel. Here are three of our suggestions:

Hearth Restaurant

"Unpretentious, thoughtful, ingredient forward prairie cooking in the Avalon neighbourhood of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan." The location of the restaurant is in a residential area and seems a bit odd, however the food and drinks do not disappoint.

Phone: (306) 664-6677

Check out their menu [here](#).

Carver's Steakhouse

"The best cuts of steaks accompanied by an extensive wine and select bourbon menu awaits you at Carver's. In a modern and stylish ambiance, you'll find a place to focus and enjoy what's in front of you: your meal, your wine, your close friends or an intimate guest."

Phone: (306) 652-8292

Check out their menu [here](#).

Cactus Club

"Featuring modern Canadian cuisine made by our world-class team of chefs led by Chef Rob Feenie, Cactus Club Cafe Idylwyld Drive offers a mix of classic Cactus favourites and a range of new, exclusive dishes."

Phone: (604) 714-2025

Check out their menu [here](#).

CUSTOMS

If you or anyone in your group is not a Canadian citizen, you will need a valid passport to enter Canada. **Keep in mind, if you have ever been charged and convicted of a crime (including DUI), you are considered “in-admissible” into Canada.** However, you may be able to be declared “admissible” to travel to Canada by contacting Citizenship and Immigration Canada – Canadian Visa Office. To locate an office near you please visit their site [here](#).

If you are traveling with a minor under 18 years of age and without the presence of either parent, you will need written permission from the parents indicating that you have the authority to take them into Canada. You must carry proper identification for the child such as a passport. Divorced or separated parents should carry custody or legal separation documents and/or letter of authorization to facilitate their entry into Canada. Read more about travelling to Canada with a minor [here](#).

For more information regarding Customs requirements, check these online resources:

[US State Department
Canada Border Services Agency Visitors to Canada Publication](#)

Do not attempt to bring firearms, knives, or pepper sprays into Canada.

ALCOHOL & TOBACCO

You are allowed duty-free up to 1.14 litres of liquor or 1.5 litres of wine and 200 cigarettes and up to 50 cigars (non Cuban). Arctic Lodges also has a bar and store with many options to choose from. If you are not planning on bringing your own liquor or need a certain type of mix on hand, please let us know. Simply indicate your drink of choice on our guest information form under "special instructions" and we will have it available for purchase in our bar. You can find the form on our website under "Plan Your Trip" or by clicking [here](#).

ARRIVAL AT THE LODGE

You will be greeted at our airstrip at approximately 8:30 a.m. and our staff will gather up the luggage to be boated over to the lodge. Although the boat ride is less than 10 minutes, we recommend having your rain suit handy should you need it. Once you arrive at the Lodge you can relax and have a coffee or beverage of choice. Brunch will be served before heading onto the lake and a brief orientation will be held. Once ready our staff will show you to your cabin and you can get ready for your fishing day. Your Guide is prepared to start fishing as soon as you're ready and will greet you at the dock.

MEALS

Breakfast will be served in the main lodge starting at 7 a.m. The main lodge is open at 5:30 a.m. each morning for those early risers and the coffee will be flowing.

Our shore lunches are sure to be one of the highlights of your trip! Using our experience and expertise, we pack a lunch basket that 99% of our guests rave about. We recommend trying our standard shore lunch on the first day. All shore lunches will be prepared and served by your Guide. Should you require anything additional or would like something different on the following days, please give your order to the dinner waitress (not your Guide) and she will let the kitchen know to have it ready for the next morning.

Dinner is a 3-course meal served in the main lodge starting at 6:30 p.m. You will receive a menu each morning to select your dinner options.

Should you have any special dietary restrictions or allergies, please indicate on your guest information form before your trip. Also please let us know what you'd prefer to drink so we can make sure to have it on hand!

GENERAL INFORMATION

FOREST FIRES

Forest fires are most often started by carelessness. Our Guides take special care to ensure shore lunch fires are located on sandy beaches or rocky shores. Do not start a fire on top of moss or near any other vegetation. When you leave, please make sure that the fire is completely out, with the ashes well saturated with water. Please remember to bring all trash back with you to the Lodge.

GET YOUR FISHING LICENSE - AFTER APRIL 1ST

Due to recent changes within the Ministry of Environment in Saskatchewan, we will no longer be issuing fishing licenses at the Lodge.

All guests will now be responsible for purchasing their fishing license online or via telephone prior to your arrival. ****PLEASE WAIT UNTIL APRIL TO PURCHASE YOUR LICENCE AS THE PREVIOUS YEARS LICENCES ARE SOLD UNTIL MARCH****

To purchase a fishing license please visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/parks-culture-heritage-and-sport/hunting-trapping-and-angling/hunting/buy-a-hunting-licence> or [click here.](#)

Select "Sign in" or "Create my Web Account"

Select if you are an existing user or if you need to create a new record

Enter all of your information

Once you are signed in, select "Purchase a License"

For US residents, select the last option "Non-Resident" (of Canada)

Under "Angling", select "Annual Non-Resident Angling License"

Select "Add to Cart"

Proceed to "Checkout Shopping Cart" and once approved, print your license.

Alternatively, licenses can also be purchased by calling **1-855-848-4773**, however there may be an associated convenience fee.

It is essential that you carry your signed fishing license with you at all times out on the lake as conservations officers do random checks.

FISHING GUIDES & STAFF

We are very proud of our amazing team of professional guides and service staff at Arctic Lodges. As a friendly reminder please **do not share liquor or beer with our staff or gift as a tip**. We have strict rules with alcohol in camp while employed with us and our staff are well aware of this. If you would like to have an evening beverage with your guide or a staff member please limit to two drinks and only if their off shift. Thank you in advance!

GRATUITIES

We are always asked what a sufficient tip is for the Guides and service staff. This is a tough question and our answer is this: the tip should reflect your satisfaction with your Guide. The average tip is \$400 per guest for the 4 day trip. When you are leaving a tip for your Guide it's best to tip on your last day. Cash on hand is preferred for tipping your guide.

Lodge staff normally receive \$400 per guest for the 4 day trip as well. This is divided between all on shore staff which generally equates to 10-12 people. There are many in the background working hard to make your stay is five star! Lodge tips can be made at the front desk by credit card or via the tip jar with cash. There is a 2% processing fee for tips paid via credit card. Once again cash is always best. Thank you so much.

GARMIN INREACH SE DEVICES

For communication and safety purposes your Guide will have an InReach SE device while you're out on the lake. The InReach SE is a two-way satellite communicator with GPS. It's a great tool to have if there is a need to contact the Lodge so we're able to locate you on the lake.

TACKLE & OUR SHOP

Our Lodge has a well equipped tackle shop as well as clothing and souvenirs available for purchase. Our preferred method of payment is with a personal check or cash however, we do accept Visa & Mastercard.

PACKING

WHAT TO BRING & FURTHER INFORMATION

The weather is generally warmer during the day but cools off significantly at night. The temperature can range from 50 – 80°F (10 - 26°C). You do run into some colder days early June and late August - September.

It's best to dress in **LAYERS**. **A quality jacket & pants with a high waterproof rating like Gore-Tex** will be your best bet in any weather if you have a layer of lightweight long underwear and warm fleece underneath. Quick drying fabrics are great for shirts and pants, there are many brands out there such as Columbia who offer these. Waterproof boots will be needed in the rain. We've provided a checklist below with our packing suggestions.

CLOTHING & ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST

- 2 – 3 pairs of "extra socks"
- Long underwear
- 2 pairs pants (optional: zip off legs for hotter days)
- 3 shirts: 1 short sleeve & 2 long sleeve
- 1 pull-over: fleece or wool - something very warm
- Rain jacket – highly waterproof and breathable with hood - Mandatory**
- Rain pants – highly waterproof and breathable - Mandatory**
- 1 hat with brim & visor (waterproof is a plus)
- Sunglasses (preferably polarized)
- 1 pair of running shoes or equivalent
- 1 pair of rubber/waterproof boots – make sure they're warm for early June/late Aug
- Neoprene gloves for colder days (early June/late August) or waterproof glove
- Down vest for colder days (early June/late August)
- Lip Balm
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Camera and/or GoPro-We have amazing scenery and wildlife so it's always nice to bring home great pictures. You'll also want to have lots of pictures with your trophy fish!

TACKLE & EQUIPMENT

If you require fishing equipment from our tackle shop, please let us know well in advance of your trip. You can do so by contacting us directly or by indicating this on your guest information form under "Gear Rental".

ROD

What can we say? You're coming here for the big ones. That's why we recommend a 6.5' medium/heavy action rod, spooled with 20 – 30 lb line for both Pike and Lake Trout. We also suggest having heavy-duty leaders (at least 12" in length), as they are a must for the "Toothy Pike". These are available at our tackle shop.

Jigging for Walleye or casting for Arctic Grayling can be done with a 6' light/medium action rod, spooled with 6-8 lb line.

For Fly Fishermen, an 8-10 weight rod for Pike and Lake trout will do the trick, while a 4 weight will do fine for Arctic Grayling.

Learn more about what to look for in a **Fishing Rod** by checking out our blog post [here](#).

LURES

When fishing for Northern Pike and Lake Trout, the right lure can be the difference between a good day of fishing and an **unforgettable** day (because let's face it, no day of fishing is a bad day). Every lure varies depending on the time of season and we will always suggest listening to the locals, guides, and professional anglers when it comes to choosing lures that have been successful for them on our lake. We have a list of personal favourite pike and trout lures that we have compiled in a few easy blog post for you, all with suggestions from our experienced guides and avid anglers of Reindeer Lake.

For Pike Lure suggestions, check out our list [here](#).

For Trout Lure suggestions, check out our list [here](#).

For Arctic Grayling, even a light spinning rod with a dry fly is successful in capturing the trophies. Small hoppers, woolly buggers, deer or elk hair caddis are all great options and available at the lodge. We also suggest a 00 or 01 mepps spinner as a killer lure for these beautiful sailfish. These aren't huge fish, so you don't need to have a heavy rod, and you most certainly don't need a heavy lure.

For Walleye, some of the best lures are crankbaits and jigs with soft plastics like curl tail grubs or ring worms. For the crankbait, the best are the ones that sink down to at least 10ft, as that is the typical depth for Walleye. They are mainly used for trolling along flats and reefs, while most soft plastics are used in rivers to gain the attention of walleye in the challenges of moving water.

The gear and tackle you bring may be dependent on time of year and your fish of choice, so if you have any questions call us...we love to talk fishing!

Reindeer Lake is a catch and release lake, meaning the use of barbless hooks are mandatory. Please pinch your barbs with pliers or your guide can do so for you.

DEPARTURE HOME FROM THE LODGE

Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. We ask for you to be packed and checked out of your cabin by this time so we can prepare it for the next group of guests. Our staff will transport your luggage to the dock. We depart for the airstrip around 8 a.m. - we'll keep you posted on the charters arrival.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE BACK IN SASKATOON

You will be dropped off at the main airport Terminal rather than the Riseair Hangar since most guests have a connecting flight in the afternoon which departs from the main terminal.

FORGOT TO BRING SOMETHING?

If you happen to forget anything or couldn't fit it in your luggage due to weight restrictions, don't worry, we have everything you could need at the Lodge. There is a tackle shop with a wide selection of our best lures and rental setups and a clothing store just in case you need some warm clothing or a souvenir to bring home. We also carry confectionary items and hygienic items at our store and a fully stocked bar for your drink of choice. You'll be treated like family at Arctic Lodges! We want you to be comfortable and feel as though you claimed a piece of paradise to call your own.

THANKS AGAIN FOR BOOKING WITH ARCTIC LODGES!

Sincerely,

Kelly & Andrea Littlechilds
Owners / Operators